

# Dhudhuroa language

**Dhudhuroa** is an extinct Australian Aboriginal language of north-eastern Victoria. As it is no longer spoken, Dhudhuroa is primarily known today from written material collected by R. H. Mathews from Neddy Wheeler. It has gone by numerous names, including Dhudhuroa, the Victorian Alpine language, Dyinningmiddhang, Djilamatang, Theddora,<sup>[3]</sup> Theddoramittung, Balangamida, and Tharamirttong. Yaitmathang (Jaitmathang), or Jandangara (Gundanora), was spoken in the same area, but was a dialect of Ngarigu.<sup>[2]</sup>

Dhudhuroa language is currently undergoing a revival, and is being taught at Bright Secondary College and Wooragee Primary School.<sup>[4]</sup>

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Dhudhuroa	
<span></span> <div>Victorian Alpine</div>	
Region	North-eastern Victoria, Australia
Ethnicity	Dhudhuroa, Djilamatang, ?Minjambuta
Extinct	Early 20th C; Revival 2010s
Language family	<div>Pama–Nyungan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Gippsland<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Dhudhuroa</b></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ddr
Glottolog	dhud1236 <span> </span> ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/dhud1236</span> ) <sup>[1]</sup>
AIATSIS <sup>[2]</sup>	S44 <span> </span> ( <span>https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/S44</span> )

## Phonology

### Consonants

	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Stop</u>	b	d	(ɖ [rd])	ɗ [dh]	ɟ [dj]	g
<u>Nasal</u>	m	n	(ɳ [rn])	ɳ [nh]	ɲ [ny]	ŋ [ng]
<u>Lateral</u>		l				
<u>Rhotic</u>		r [rr]				
<u>Approximant</u>	w				j [y]	

### Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i i:		u u:
Open		a a:	

Blake and Reid (2002) suggest that there were possibly two retroflex consonants.

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## Further reading

- Bibliography of Dhuduroa people and language resources ([http://aiatsis.gov.au/sites/default/files/docs/collections/language\\_bibs/dhuduroa\\_dhudhuruwa.pdf](http://aiatsis.gov.au/sites/default/files/docs/collections/language_bibs/dhuduroa_dhudhuruwa.pdf)), at the [Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)

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